Auction sales in the Excise Department.

214. Mr. C. J. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table statistics showing the figures of the auction sales conducted by the present Superintendent of Excise up to date, under various heads and the figures of the previous year in each case ?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—

Head of Revenue.	*1105 By the present Superintendent* Rs.	*1104* Rs.
Tod dy	5,99,505	5,29,145
Arrack	1,51,729	1,12,253
Opium	53,125	52,260
Ganja	27,191	24,341
Tobacco	3,23,920	2,75,321

Tanahdars and Watchers in the Forest Department.

215. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Will the Government be pleased to enquire and state out of the total number of 27 and 89 tanahdars and watchers respectively in the Forest Department:—

(a) the number who have been in the service for more than 10 years ;

(b) the number who have been in service for more than 15 years and the number of those who were in the service for more than 20 years ;

(c) whether the mahouts of Sirkar elephants are given pension and privilege leave;

(d) are there any other officers in the Department who are without pension and privilege leave;

(e) have the Government received any security from these poor tanahdars* and watchers ?x

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—

		Tanahdars	*Watchers.*
(a)		18	62
(b)	1.	13	43
	2.	6	28
(c)	Yes.		
(d)	Yes.		
(e)	1.* Yes.		
	2.x No.		

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is admitted that there are 28 watchers who have put in more than 20 years' service. May I know the maximum number of years that each tanahdar has served? I want to know how many years of service

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and who has served.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—It is stated in the answer 'more than 20 years.'

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know the approximate number of years.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—We do not keep accounts of service of these persons.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How did you get this ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—From pay bills, etc.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Similarly cannot you give the other figure also ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I can give the other figure.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So you want notice.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes, I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer to (d) is 'Yes.' May I know who are those officers ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—They are the watchers and no other.

President.—But this question is about tanahdars and watchers.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Question (c) is 'whether the mahouts of Sirkar elephants are given pension and privilege leave' and so it was thought that (d) also referred to that, and hence the answer 'yes' was given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there any other officer in the Department besides tanahdars and watchers who are not given privilege leave and pension?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—There are no other officers.

President.—Then 'no' should be the answer to (d) and not 'yes.' The correct answer to (d) will be 'no.'

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Except tanahdars and watchers there are no other.

President.—So you admit that the correct answer to (d) is 'no.'

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have the Government considered the question of giving pension to these officers ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—There is some recommendation in the Special Finance Committee report and the matter will be considered when passing orders on the Special Finance Committee report.

Lower Secondary School at Chelakkara.

216. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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